

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

November 5, 1997

A. CALL TO ORDER

The November 5, 1997, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Sluggo Davis, County Chancery Clerk.

W. E. "Sluggo" Davis, the DeSoto County Chancery Clerk was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
James D. Pearson-----District 3
John Caldwell-----District 4
Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James Albert Riley-----Sheriff, Absent
Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Eugene Thach.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission.

SEE EXHIBIT C.

D. ALLEN & HOSHALL, Administration Building

Dave Nicholson appeared before the Board of Supervisors and reported their firm is processing with the final design of the Administration Building. They are still on schedule to complete the final plans to be able to go out for bids in mid-December. Mr. Nichols said the plans are 65% to 70% complete. Allen & Hoshall reported having a very good meeting with the committees. They have worked to put things in the right places. The committee concurred unanimously to go on with the final design of the property. Mr. Nichols asked if he could answer any questions of the Board. They are ready to prepare cost estimates and bid proposals for the project. Mr. Nichols reported having had extensive meetings with each department to assure department needs have been met. One wing of the building will remain unfinished and a small portion of another wing.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how long it will take to go to bids. Allen & Hoshall responded 6 to 8 weeks for the bid and 18 months to build the building, therefore, putting construction in early Spring.

Item D., Continued

Allen & Hoshall said the second floor contains the vacant area. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why the vacant area is on the second floor. Allen & Hoshall responded that the 1st and 3rd floors has the right functions located together.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there are any other recommendations from the committee? Committee member, Harvey Ferguson, forwarded a recommendation from the Administration Building Committee to set up a policy for the use of this unplanned space. Otherwise this could result in extra expansion costs. Mr. Ferguson said the committee does not have a solution to offer, but they foresee this as a possible problem. Dave Nicholson said the committee wants to assure the Board of Supervisors has control of this part of the building.

Harvey Ferguson said the committee did vote unanimously in favor of this plan. The committee feels this is an excellent plan that will add to the public use favorably to do county business. The committee is pleased with the architects work and direction on this building.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board of Supervisors appreciates the committees work on this project.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the committee will continue to work on this project. Harvey Ferguson said they would like to.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said they would like to see the plans again before they are advertised.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors appreciates the work of the committee and architect and their efforts to consider the concerns of the committee and the county and putting the plans on paper.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize Allen & Hoshall to complete the final design of the building. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointments

This item was held over.

See Exhibit E.1.

2. Board of Education Requests

As requested by the Board of Supervisors from the November 3, 1997, meeting, Superintendent of Education, Jerry Baird, did present a list of priorities for work requested at DeSoto County Schools. The priorities requested:

1. Driveway at Chickasaw Elementary School
2. To install and cover drainage culverts in front Horn Lake High School on Nail Road
3. To deliver and replace rip rap at Southaven High School

Item E.2., continued,

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the request by the Board of Education to allow the Road Manager to prioritize work requested by the Board of Education. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit E.2.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$160.00 for the month of October, 1997, for his service as bailiff for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

SEE EXHIBIT F.21.

2. Request to Take Proposals for Workman's Comp Insurance

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors that it is time to take proposals for Workman's Comp Insurance and said the Comptroller had indicated companies who have expressed interest in this business, therefore, the proposal should be competitive. Supervisor Tommy Lewis requested the County Administrator assure the proposals were for like coverage to make comparing these proposals clearer and easier.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to go out for proposals for Workman's Comp Insurance with said proposals to come back by December 1st. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The minutes of the Executive Session portion of the Board of Supervisors meeting of November 5, 1997, are included under separate cover.

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Supervisor Tommy Lewis

a. Liability Insurance Proposals

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked the County Administrator when the liability insurance proposals are due to come back before the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrator indicated these proposals are due in April of 1998. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked for clarification that these proposals were due back after 1 year. The County Administrator said they were and said that he and the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, had discussed and agreed that this has been a negative insurance year for the county.

Item H., Continued,

2. Supervisor Jessie Medlin

a. Voting Precinct Cedar Hill Road

Supervisor Jessie Medlin notified the Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jim Robbins is still agreeing to donate property for the voting prescient on Cedar Hill Road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hire the Board Attorney to do the paperwork and Daniel Murphy to survey the property associated with the proposed voting prescient on Cedar Hill Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. W.E. (Sluggo) Davis

The Chancery Clerk, W.E. (Sluggo) Davis, presented a listing of Homestead corrections for the Board of Supervisors approval.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the corrections for Homestead as presented by the Chancery Clerk. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

See Exhibit H.3.

4. County Administrator - Clovis Reed

a. MAS Legislative Magazine

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors that it is time to purchase an ad for the Legislative Addition of the MAS Magazine. The magazine has given DeSoto County the opportunity to advertise on the back cover of the magazine or another option if they so choose.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to advertise resources of DeSoto County on the back cover of the Legislative Addition of the MAS Magazine. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to recess until Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at 1:00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 5th day of November, 1997, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

JOHN M. M. CALDWELL, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors